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Inventor: Michael K. Singman-Aste, et al.

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETERMINING  
MODAL VALUE OF NON-NUMERIC DATA

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- (1) Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail (1 page);
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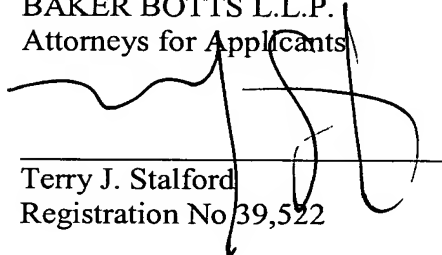
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